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MINUTES OF THE JOINT MEETING
of the
SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY
and the
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ADVISORY COMMITTEE

June 20, 2005

1. Call to order.

The joint meeting of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Advisory Committee was called to order by Conservancy Chairperson Elizabeth Cheadle at 8:03 p.m. on June 20, 2005 at the Los Angeles River Center and Gardens, 570 West Avenue Twenty-Six, Los Angeles, California.

The Executive Director administered the Oath of Office to Rich Toyon.

2. Roll Call of Conservancy.

The Conservancy roll was called and the following members were present: Ed Begley, Jr., Jody Noiron, Hal Ross, Jerome C. Daniel, Jonathan Zasloff, Vice Chair, and Elizabeth Cheadle, Chairperson. Quorum present. The following members were absent: Bryan Cash, Linda Parks, Woody Smeck, and Ron Schafer.

3. Roll Call of Advisory Committee.

The Advisory Committee roll was called and the following members were present: Dave Brown, Michael Cacciotti, Ed Corridori, Rich Toyon, Mark Johnson, Alan Kishbaugh, George Lange, Roseann Mikos, Linda Palmer, Barry Read, Paul Rockenstein, Dennis Seider, Lorraine Slattery, Marc Stirdivant, Timothy Wendler, Garen Yegparian, and Don Robinson, Chairperson. Quorum present. The following members were absent: Claudia Bill De La Peña, Caroline Brown, Barry Groveman, Richard Gould, Bruce Saito, Nancy Stephens, Liane Weintraub, and Anthony Portantino, Vice Chair.

Staff present: Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Executive Director; Rorie Skei, Chief Deputy Director; Laurie Collins, Chief Staff Counsel; Paul Edelman, Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning; Walt Young, Chief of Operations; Sheryl Lewanda, Assistant Financial Officer; Tracy Dockery, Staff Services Manager; and James Yeramian, Board Secretary.

4. Introduction of Legislative Participants or their staff.

The Chair announced that the following legislative participants were present: Nicole Curran, and George Magallanes.

5. Approval of Minutes.

The minutes of February 4, 2005 were submitted for approval.

The minutes of February 4, 2005 were approved as submitted.

Mr. Zasloff was noted as abstaining.

6. Reports.

The Conservancy and the Advisory Committee received verbal reports from Elizabeth Cheadle, Chairperson; the Executive Director; Jerome C. Daniel, Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, and the Chief Staff Counsel.

7. Members comments on matters not on the agenda.

Questions were propounded by Messrs. Yegparian, Zasloff, and Ross.

Comments were made by the Executive Director and Chief Staff Counsel.

8. Comments from members of the public on items not on the agenda and public testimony on all agenda items.

The following persons addressed the Conservancy:

Roger Wolf, Safety and Open Space First, Pasadena, on item 16.

Preston Hawkins, SOS, on item 16.

Alisa Smith, member of the public, on an item not on the agenda.

9. Consent Calender:

- (a) **Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to City of Santa Clarita on Notice of Preparation of Draft Environmental Impact Report for Soledad Townhomes Project (Master Case No. 04-444), Santa Clara River watershed.**

- (b) **Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to County of Los Angeles on Notice of Preparation of Draft Environmental Impact Report for The Mission Village Project (Tentative Tract No. 061105), Santa Clara River watershed.**
- (c) **Consideration of resolution adopting change of scope request to Grant SMM-882 (Proposition 12).**
- (d) **Consideration of resolution authorizing transfer of an easement to the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works adjacent to Stunt Road (mile marker 1.21) on APN 4455-024-903 within Stunt Ranch to construct a gabion wall, Cold Canyon, unincorporated Los Angeles County.**
- (e) **Consideration of resolution supporting the Los Angeles County South Bay Integrated Regional Management Plan Implementation Grant Application under Proposition 50, Chapter 8, and supporting the West Basin Municipal Water District as the coordinating agency, Los Angeles County.**

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Lange, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution Nos. 05-036, 05-037, 05-038, 05-039, and 05-040.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Begley, duly seconded, Resolution Nos. 05-036, 05-037, 05-038, 05-039, and 05-040 were unanimously adopted.

10. Presentation and discussion of proposed water feature, Confluence Park, Los Angeles.

The Conservancy Board and Advisory Committee received a verbal report from Mike McGowan and Patty Lunden.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Begley.

Comments were made by Ms. Lunden.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Lange.

Comments were made by Ms. Lunden.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Zasloff.

Comments were made by Ms. Lunden.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Brown.

Comments were made by Mr. McGowan.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Brown.

Comments were made by Mr. Cacciotti and the Executive Director.

11. Consideration of resolution approving the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority Preliminary Budget, Fiscal Year 2005-06.

Comments were made by the Assistant Financial Officer.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Zasloff.

Comments were made by the Assistant Financial Officer and the Executive Director.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Mikos.

Comments were made by the Assistant Financial Officer.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Begley.

Comments were made by the Assistant Financial Officer.

Questions were propounded by Messrs. Brown and Yegparian.

Comments were made by the Executive Director and the Chief Deputy Director.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Rockenstein, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 05-041.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Begley, duly seconded, Resolution No. 05-041 was unanimously adopted.

12. Consideration of resolution adopting the Calleguas Creek Watershed Integrated Regional Water Management Plan, Ventura and Los Angeles Counties.

Comments were made by the Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Lange.

Comments were made by the Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning and Ms. Mikos.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Zasloff.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Kishbaugh, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 05-042.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Zasloff, duly seconded, Resolution No. 05-042 was unanimously adopted.

13. Consideration of resolution adopting the Upper Los Angeles River Watershed Integrated Regional Water Management Plan, Los Angeles County.

Comments were made by the Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Zasloff.

Comments were made by the Executive Director and the Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Cacciotti, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 05-043.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Zasloff, duly seconded, Resolution No. 05-043 was unanimously adopted.

14. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 50 funds to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for construction of the West Mulholland Watershed Demonstration Facility, Woodland Hills.

This item was removed from the agenda.

15. Consideration of resolution amending Resolution No. 05-09 to authorize a non-profit grant to the South Coast Wildlands Project for preparation of the Santa Monica-Sierra Madre Linkage Protection Plan, unincorporated Los Angeles County.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Robinson.

Comments were made by the Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning and Ms. Mikos.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Mikos, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 05-045.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Begley, duly seconded, Resolution No. 05-045 was unanimously adopted.

16. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 40 funds to Trust for Public Land for project planning and design of East San Rafael Mountains area, Pasadena.

Comments were made by the Executive Director and Mr. Wendler.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Yegparian.

Comments were made by the Chief Deputy Director.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Wendler, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption

of Resolution No. 05-046.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution No. 05-046 was unanimously adopted.

- 17. Closed Session: (The Conservancy may hold a closed session on the following items pursuant to Section 11126 Subdivision (c)(7)(A), Section 11126.3(a), and Section 11126 Subdivision (e) of the Government Code. Confidential memoranda related to the following items may be considered during such closed session discussions.) Discussion and possible action regarding pending and/or potential litigation: Potential litigation – *Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy et al. Ramirez Canyon Preservation Fund v. California Coastal Commission*, and Conference with legal counsel - potential litigation.**

No closed session was held.

- 18. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.**

Comments were made by Mr. Yegparian, Ms. Cheadle, the Executive Director, Mr. Daniel, and Mr. Begley.

The Chair announced that the next meeting would be held on July 25, 2005. There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

JOSEPH T. EDMISTON, FAICP
Executive Director

ELIZABETH CHEADLE
Chairperson